



WHAT WE HAVE HEARD

Public Scoping Meeting Results
Meetings: March 19, 20, 21, 2002

385 citizens attended three Tri-County Parkway Location Study Scoping meetings held March 19-21, 2002. A breakdown follows of number of attendees by location:

Fairfax County:	212
Loudoun County:	45
Prince William County:	<u>128</u>
	385

Comment sheets were provided to attendees as they signed in and were also placed on various comment tables throughout the room. 100 comments were received directly from the scoping meeting attendees collected through comment boxes. A comment period was promoted allowing comments to be received through the mail through April 22, 2002. An additional 15 comments were received by mail. All comments were keyed into a database and coded for analysis. Approximately 75% of the comments were received from residents of Fairfax County. Other results follow.

Question 1:

What transportation issues are you most interested in seeing addressed by this study?

Suggested Alternatives offered: 83.5% offered various suggestions for possible alignments. The majority supported building the parkway west of Luck Stone; avoiding Pleasant Valley Road and/or extending the 234 bypass.

Congestion Management: 24.3% commented about the need to reduce current congestion.

Carpool/Mass Transit comments: 11% of the responses offered a carpool or mass transit solution such as:

- Light rail/mass transit; biking; hiking
- Carpooling, metro stops and electronic busses

No-Build/Do nothing: 8.7% commented that they did not understand the need for the parkway.

Question 2:

Please identify community resources or concerns that the study team should consider in the development of transportation solutions.

37% provided a comment about community resources such as:

- Impacts quality of life
- Do not divide the communities (i.e., Virginia Run)
- Preserve open space

- Preserve the historical value of the area (i.e., Civil War area with artifacts).
- Preserve farms/stables
- Impacts Property values of homes
- Schools

Question 3:

Please identify any sensitive environmental resources in the study area that the study team should consider in the development of transportation solutions.

66% provided an environmental resource comment such as:

- Preserve Bull Run National Battlefield land and other parklands
- Preserve wetlands, marshes, ponds and Occoquan Watershed
- Preserve historical and Civil War sites
- Development of Tri-County Parkway would destroy trees that are a much needed buffer from quarry dust, noise and vibration
- Preserve the rare oak/hickory forest and red-cockaded woodpeckers which are protected species
- Protect the wildlife
- All residential property along Bull Run Post Office Road (zoned R-C-SAC) have septic and wells and will never get county sewer and water. There is much concern about pollution of groundwater and supply of groundwater. All lands 1-mile east of Bull Run stream slope and drain into Bull Run, Chesapeake Bay Watershed and Occoquan.
- Air and noise pollution

Hotline and E-mail:

The Project Team included two additional methods for the public to inquire about the progress of the study. A **toll-free hotline** was established at 1-866-TRI-LCTN (874-5286). Four calls have been recorded.

72 citizens **e-mailed** the project team and their comments echoed those above. Most were also interested in more information about the study including a study area/project map. The public has been encouraged to visit the project web site at: www.virginiadot.org/projects/tcp.asp to review study materials such as graphics, maps and updates as the study progresses.

Additional information:

Over 160 postcards were mailed in, all supporting the Tri-County Parkway as a critical transportation link that improves mobility, relieves congestion, enhances the housing/jobs balance, community services, and tourism. In addition, the Prince William Regional Chamber of Commerce, an organization of 850 businesses, stated it strongly supports the completion of the Tri-County Parkway as a key north-south, suburb-to-suburb linkage that will transport people and goods easily throughout the region.